

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee is requested. By this Amendment, the claims of the corresponding PCT Patent Application PCT/CA2004/000669 (after PCT Article 19 amendments) are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Claim 16 is amended to correct an obvious typographical error. No new matter is introduced.

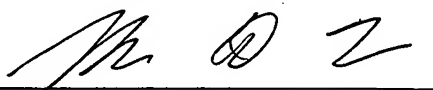
Note that after PCT Article 19 amendments, claims 1-18 are in PCT Patent Application PCT/CA2004/000669.

If there are any questions concerning this Preliminary Amendment, please telephone the undersigned.

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